

Fraud Risk Management Strategies

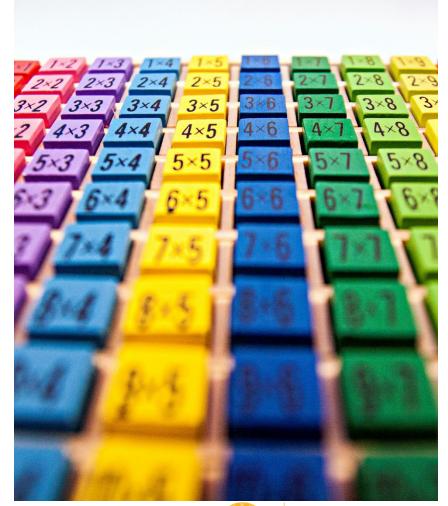
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Learning Objectives

- Practical and operational strategies to implement fraud risk detection analytics
- Fraud risks we might encounter in today's operating environment
- Broader context of fraud risk management in the public sector





Taking a Step Back in Time

- March 2020 operating environment
- Opportunities and challenges
- Service delivery needs





Emergency and Recovery programs

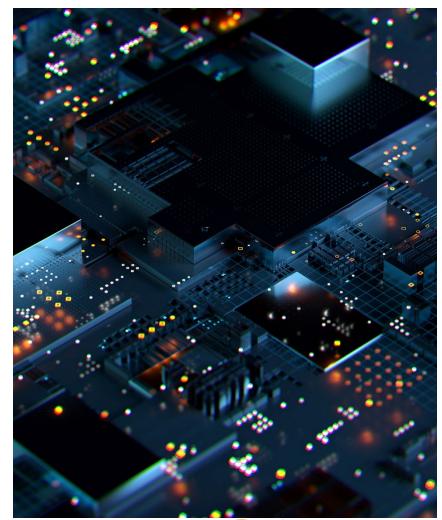
- One-time benefit programs
- Distinct from regular business and operations
- Inherent fraud risks
- Emergency versus recovery programs
- Balance service delivery and fraud risk tolerance
- Limitations of automated controls





Analytics to Mitigate Fraud Risks

- Last line of defence
- External and internal risks
- Systemic versus isolated attempts
- Informs future actions
 - Audits
 - Program design







3-Step Analytic Tool Building

- STEP 1: Identify and understand possible fraud risks
 - Program design and business rule risks
 - Multiple payment risks
 - Higher risk characteristics
 - Continuous refinement





3-Step Analytic Tool Building

- STEP 2:Design and build out
 - Access, format and quality of data
 - Scalable and sustainable tests
 - IMIT requirements





3-Step Analytic Tool Building

- STEP 3: Monitor and report
 - Near-time monitoring
 - Follow-up and enquiry capacity
 - Reassess risks
 - Inform future activities





Possible Challenges

- Incorrect assumptions
- Complex program design
- Reliance on others
- IMIT capacity
- Data quality
- Inconclusive results
- Stale tests





Five Key Points

- Understand your systemic risks
- Design simple analytic tests
- Data quality risks
- Limit reliance on others
- Robust follow-up and enquiry process





Fraud Activities We Might Encounter

One-time Benefit Programs

- False declarations
- Identity theft
- Program design influence

Regular Business Operations

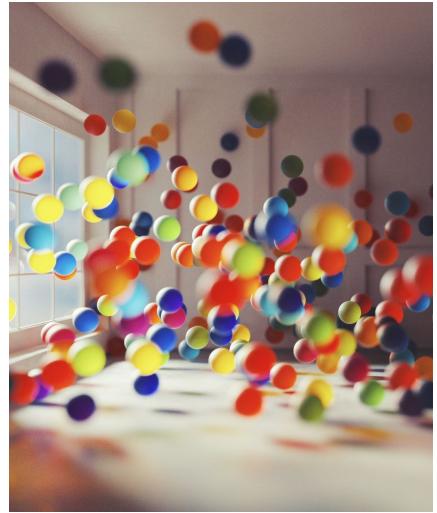
Phishing emails
Personal use of assets

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The Broader Context

- Analytics is only one component of a successful fraud risk management strategy
- FRM policy
- Assessment process
- Prevention and detection activities
- Fraud reporting and monitoring





Questions?

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